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SUBJ: DEMIREL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

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BEGIN SUMMARY: THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM WAS READ TO THE GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON APRIL 6. THE PROGRAM IN GENERAL FOLLOWS CLOSELY THE COALITION PROTOCOL OF MARCH 31. END SUMMARY.

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE SIGNIFICANT EXCERPTS FROM THE DEMIREL
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GOVERNMENT PROGRAM ON THE SUBJECTS OF CYPRUS, GREEK-TURKISH

RELATIONS, THE AEGEAN ISSUES AND POPPY PRODUCTION.

A. CYPRUS: "NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT WILL BE GIVEN TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE TURK-CYPRIOT COMMUNITY AND TO MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE FEDERATED TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE, ALL OF WHOSE ORGANS ARE ABOUT TO BE COMPLETED."
--"IT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF OUR GOVERNMENT TO REACH A SOLUTION THAT WILL PROTECT THE STATUS OF CYPRUS AS AN INDEPENDENT FEDERAL STATE WITHIN A LEGAL FRAMEWORK BASED ON THE REALITIES OF THE ISLAND AND THAT WILL ESTABLISH A SOUND GUARANTEE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE
TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY IN THE ISLAND..."

--"...WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT A BI-REGIONAL FEDERAL SYSTEM IS THE ONLY PATH THAT WILL LEAD TO AN EQUITABLE SOLUTION. WHILE ENCOURAGING A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION WHICH WILL SERVE THE ECONOMIC WELFARE OF THE TWO NATIONAL COMMUNITIES ON THE ISLAND AND HELP THEM LIVE IN PEACE AND TRANQUILITY BY RECONCILING THEIR RIGHTS AND INTERESTS, OUR GOVERNMENT WILL SHOW PROPER CARE AND ATTENTION FOR TAKING MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION OF DEVELOPMENTS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PRESENT BALANCE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION CYPRUS IS SITUATED."

B. GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS: "WE WISH TO RAISE ALL OUR RELATIONS WITH OUR NEIGHBOR GREECE TO A LEVEL CONFORMING TO THE LONG-TERM INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. IF WE OBSERVE IN PRACTICE THAT THIS IDEA OF OURS, WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE SHARED BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT, IS SUPPORTED, WE SEE A POSSIBILITY THAT THE PROBLEMS WHICH POISON RELATIONS BETWEEN US CAN BE TAKEN UP IN A CONSTRUCTIVE AND GOOD WILLED APPROACH AND CONCLUDED."

C. AEGEAN ISSUES: "SHOULD OUR NEIGHBOR ATTEMPT TO CHANGE UNILATERALLY THE EXISTING TERRITORIAL WATERS REGIME IN THE AEGEAN, THE NEED TO CATEGORICALLY OPPOSE IT WOULD ARISE..."
--"TURKEY WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE DEMARCHES...ON THE QUESTION OF CONTROL OF AEGEAN AIRSPACE AND THE ARMAMENT ACTIVITIES...ON THE DODECANESE ISLANDS."
--" TURKEY CAN NEVER CONTEMPLATE SACRIFICING HER RIGHTS ON THE AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF. HOWEVER, OUR GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF MUST BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH A NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRIN-
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CIPLES OF EQUITY BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE."

D. POPPY PRODUCTION: "POPPY GROWING WILL CONTINUE UNDER CONTROL, WITHIN A POLICY TO ALLAY HUMANITARIAN ANXIETY AND TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF OUR FARMERS IN EVERY RESPECT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECISIONS PREVIOUSLY TAKEN."

2. ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM ALSO COINCIDE CLOSELY WITH

THOSE OF THE PROTOCOL: I.E., CALLING FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND STABILITY; STEPPED-UP INDUSTRIALIZATION; DEVELOPMENT OF DOMESTIC ENERGY RESOURCES AND IMPROVED LINKS WITH FOREIGN SOURCES; EXTENSION OF SOCIAL AND OTHER BENEFITS TO FARMERS, WORKERS, LOW INCOME GROUPS, PENSIONERS, ETC.; AND DEVELOPMENT OF A "MULTI-DIMENSIONAL" FOREIGN TRADE POLICY WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO IMPROVING TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH MIDDLE EAST, ASIAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT: THE LANGUAGE OF THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM CLOSELY PARALLELS THAT OF THE COALITION PROTOCOL (REFTELS) AND DOES NOT APPEAR TO REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE FROM POLICIES ESTABLISHED DURING THE ECEVIT AND CARETAKER IRMAK GOVERNMENTS.

4. PROGRAM'S SECTION ON U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS IS BEING REPORTED BY SEPTTEL.
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